

The seventeenth section makes it the duty of the inspectors to examine all persons who shall offer as candidates for the teaching of Primary Schools in their counties, respectively; and in such examination, that they shall inquire, ascertain, and inform themselves, as far as may be practicable, of their character and qualifications, and grant certificates, as therein prescribed, to such as may be found worthy.

The eighteenth section empowers the inspectors to annul any certificate given by them, or their predecessors, under certain provisions; and exacts a forfeiture for employing a teacher without the proper certificate.

The nineteenth section requires of the inspectors to visit the schools within the counties, once, at least, in every quarter, and oftner, if they shall deem it necessary; to examine into the state and condition of such schools, both as respects the proficiency of scholars, and the good order and regularity of the schools; and to give advice and direction to the trustees and teachers as to the government thereof, and the course of studies to be pursued therein.

The twentieth section constitutes a majority of the inspectors present, and acting in performance of any duties required of them, as a quorum competent to perform such duties. Three inspectors being sufficient to act in the examination of a teacher, and to certify his qualification, or to annul such certificate as provided in the previous section; and in all other cases, not less than two of such inspectors shall be present.

The twenty-first section relates to the establishment and regulation of public or Primary Schools within the city of Baltimore, and provides that, if the Mayor and City Council shall not, within five years after the passage of the act, establish a system of public education within the city, then the act of December session, 1825, ch. 162, to be in full effect within the city of Baltimore.

The twenty-second section makes it the duty of the commissioners of Primary Schools in the several counties, on or before the first day of July in each year, to make and transmit a county report to the clerk of their county, embracing the same matters as shall be contained in the report of the trustees to the said commissioners; and that the clerks of the several counties shall, on or before the first day of December, annually, make a county report, embracing all the matters contained in the several reports aforesaid, and transmit the same to the Superintendent, to be disposed of as hereinbefore set forth.